consequent on the enhancement of pay in the revision. Therefore an additional allotment of Rs. 370 is required.

Motion put and carried.

9. 8—Anchal—(6) Miscellaneous—Cranganur Rs. 10.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional amount of Rs. 10 under 8. Anchal—Miscellaneous—Cranganur. This amount is required to meet the expenditure on account of arrear allowance due to the Azhikkode branch anchal master for 1105 and also to meet the contingent charges for Karkadagam and Mithunam of 1106. The balance under the head is small and this amount is absolutely necessary.

Motion put and carried.

10 13.—Education—Cranganur—Rs. 8,700.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 8,700 under 13—Education—Cranganur for the payment of arrears of pay and the enhanced rate of pay and for the payment of grant towards schools recently started under Cranganur. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction this allotment for Cranganur.

Motion put and carried.

11. 20. Miscellaneous—Cranganur—Rs. 95—15—0.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional amount of Rs. 95—15—0 under 20—Miscellaneous—Cranganur for payment of special allowance for reasons already stated while moving the supplementary grant for the State.

Motion put and carried.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

IV.—Co-operative Societies.—(*cont.*)

Motion No. 2.

As the following motion was not moved it was considered withdrawn.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 22,000 under Demand No. IV by Re. 1.*

Motion No. 3.

As the Member was absent the following motion was also considered withdrawn.

Mr. Joseph Petta.—*To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 14,115 under Demand No. IV by Re. 1.*

Motion No. 4.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Sir, I move this reduction to call the attention of the House to the unsatisfactory nature of the rules that are now obtained in the Co-operative Department. I had occasion to refer to this matter in the course of the budget discussion. The opinion is general that the rules are too strict for respectable men to take part in it. Absolute power is given to

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the Registrar even to remove officers of societies without assigning any reason. And the piteous part of it is that where the Registrar passes an order, no appeal lies to any one. The Regulation wisely provides that rules may be framed by the Government providing appeals from the orders passed by the Registrar. The Regulation was passed in 1088 and some rules were passed by the then Diwan, Mr. Bhore. These rules have undergone several revisions. Unfortunately the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has not yet thought it necessary to request the Government to make rules providing appeals from his orders. The necessity of appeals from his orders is generally felt. We cannot concede that an officer, whatever be his position or learning cannot err and if an officer errs, that error should be set right. The necessity therefore for an appeal from the orders of the Registrar is imperative. It is to bring this matter to the notice of the Government that I move this.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Sir, I once brought to the notice of the Government by means of a motion that that rule was arbitrary. I thought that the rule was removed. But I find it now again. I cannot see any reason for giving this power to the Registrar. I thought then that I was the only person who grumbled. Now I find that there are others also to say that this rule goes against the officers of the Co-operative Society.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, the contested rules, so to say, have been framed with a view to get over a difficulty that is very often felt due to the very recalcitrant attitude that some of the Panchayat bodies of these Societies take at times. A few members of a society sometimes take it into their heads to do things quite arbitrarily and in their own fashion. They may be said to be men of some influence in the locality and consequently they are often found to be able to stop even the convening of general body meetings, to set aside matters of which these gentlemen might have taken a very questionable attitude. Several such instances come to the notice of the Department and the Government and they thought it certainly necessary, in the interests of the movement itself, to defeat the end of such members by having a provision to the effect that the Registrar can order the removal of any member in the managing committee of the Co-operative Societies, if he is satisfied that the member is behaving in any manner contrary to the rule. (Rule No. 33). In framing this rule, I may say, the Cochin Government has not acted independently. Rule No. 21 of Mysore makes the same provision. It has been the practice in some parts of the country and when members of the kind I referred to, get such undue influence over the general body and at the same time are not con-

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ducting societies in the way desired, they can produce situations which will drive the societies to law courts and even to very costly litigation, with the result that often, due to the presence of these members, the societies themselves have to close down for a time. It is only to apply the law in the case of such members that this rule has been framed, and I do not think the Registrar has till now, except perhaps in one instance and that very recently, had occasion to use this rule. As to the point whether an appeal should lie to a higher authority, it seems to be rather necessary that there should be such a rule, (*Hear hear*). Steps are being taken for that.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I may say, Sir, that the remedy that the Government invented for improving the societies was rather suicidal. I can speak with some experience in this matter. Very respectable gentlemen beginning with His Highness Kuttan Tampuran resigned and are keeping away from the movement, because of the rules. Whether the rules are copied from Mysore or any other less advanced province than Cochin the rules are bad enough. In framing the rules, I understand, Government have not taken the advice of the law officers of the Government. However if the Government intend to frame a rule to provide appeals from the orders of the Registrar, that will go a great way and therefore there is no necessity for me to press for a division. Whatever may be the evil resulting from giving the societies self-government, the evils caused by the existing rules are greater, so that it is high time to make the rules somewhat elastic. I beg leave to withdraw the motion.

The Motion was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Question put:—*that the Demand for Co-operative Societies be granted*

Motion carried.

XXXII—Uplift of the Depressed Classes—Rs. 1,16,616.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,16,616 under 'Uplift of the Depressed Classes'. There is not much that I need say, Sir, in commending this department to the notice and to the consideration of this House. But I would like to say a few words in explanation of the actual work that we do—not in regard to the details, but in regard to certain general principles. As Hon'ble Members must be well aware, this department is still in its infancy and it has to a certain extent, till very recently, suffered for want of undivided attention. Even in its inception and in the early stages of its existence like the Department of Industries, it was tacked on to the Department of Education, and with the best will in the world it was not humanly possible to devote to this very important branch of

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